

Mr. Speaker, this is a huge accomplishment, and one that clearly shows this man's commitment to serving the United States of America. As the noncommissioned officer in charge of 31 ceremonial guardsmen who performed more than 700 Air Force and Joint Service ceremonies, Sergeant Gisel proves himself to be a professional of the highest caliber. His superior job performance is noticeable to all he comes in contact with. He is certainly worthy of recognition!

A man of firm beliefs and unselfish commitment to helping others, Sergeant Gisel is a fine role model for the young adults in high school and to the two-home schooled junior high school students in which he mentors. His values and beliefs are reflected in his dedication to his work and his relationships with his family, friends, and people in the community.

Indeed, Sergeant Gisel is an excellent example to all. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Technical Sergeant Ronald A. Gisel for being recognized as one of the U.S. Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

**HONORING CAROLE BLACK, PRESIDENT & CEO, LIFETIME ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES**

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today's woman has many role models that have paved the path to our success. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt created a momentum for the women's movement that still gains speed today as modern women climb new mountains.

One of these modern women is Carole Black, President & CEO of Lifetime Entertainment Services. Ms. Black has demonstrated her commitment to supporting other women by making sure that women are informed.

Black's ideas and influence reach more than 83 million homes in our great country and have propelled Lifetime's ratings to set new records. Lifetime's recent successes are rooted in Blacks' commitment to entertain, inform and support women by dramatically increasing the Network's original programming slate and expanding its marketing and public affairs efforts.

Carole Black also has greatly expanded Lifetime's advocacy initiatives, using the media to make a positive difference in the lives of women. Issues that have been recognized include the following: the fight against breast cancer; women in the arts; the importance of early childhood education and access to affordable, quality child care; and the fight to instill self-esteem in thousands of women. Carole Black is working with Lifetime Entertainment to recognize the issues that directly affect our lives—and our families.

Black's leadership and vision have led to her recognition as one of "America's 100 Most Important Women" by Ladies' Home Journal Magazine and one of "New York's 100 Most Influential Women in Business" by Crain's New York Business Magazine. The Hollywood Reporter has named her repeatedly as one of the "Top Women in Entertainment." Most re-

cently, Ms. Black was honored at the Women in Cable & Telecommunications Gala for her incredible contributions.

Most recently, Black was named one of Fortune Magazine's Top 50 Women in Business. In June 2000, Black was honored to participate with national and world leaders, such as United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, in Beijing Plus 5: Women 2000, the historic international conference to promote women's rights. In November 2000, Black served as one of 15 United States delegates to "The 2nd Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) Conference on Women Entrepreneurs" in Paris, France.

As a television industry leader, Black champions diversity not only through Lifetime's on-air programming and countless public affairs initiatives but also through involvement with several industry organizations for which she serves on the Board of Directors, including The Walter Kaitz Foundation, Cable Positive and the T. Howard Foundation. For her dedication to this important issue, Black earned the YWCA Racial Justice Award in April 2000, the National Hispanic Media Coalition Impact Award in February 2001 and the Imagen Foundation Inspiration Award in June 2001.

Carole Black also is dedicated to using her knowledge to educate the future leaders of America. Black serves on the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Women's Leadership Board and is a Trustee of the American Women in Radio & Television, New York Women in Communications, New York Women in Film, Women in Cable & Telecommunications and the Women's Sports Foundation.

Carole Black is a great role model for our young women to follow. She is an inspiration and an educator, a tough executive and a visionary. But most importantly, she is a woman and a friend to each person who is touched by her work. As a role model to many, Ms. Black keeps the momentum of the women's movement rolling and would have made our foremothers proud.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending this dedicated public servant.

**WMUL-FM FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2001*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, in 1895, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted electrical signals through the air. This first radio broadcast went from one end of Marconi's house to the other. The second stretched from his laboratory out to his garden. Six years later he sent a signal from England to America.

Like the acclaimed Italian inventor, WMUL-FM radio started out small: a ten-watt transmitter in a science building basement. Yet, in the spirit of Marconi himself, the Marshall University broadcasters were blazing new trails and determined to expand the range, quality, and influence of their signal. It was 1961.

Now, in their fortieth year, WMUL-FM has a \$100,000 a year budget, broadcasts an 1,150

watt signal, and transmits from state-of-the-art digital studios. The Marshall students who staff it, and the professors who teach them, are nationally-recognized radio professionals. Since 1985, they have won 435 awards. WMUL-FM alumni have worked at all levels in local, regional, and national electronic media, distinguishing themselves regularly regardless of the competition.

I congratulate Marshall University and WMUL-FM radio for four decades' service to the Marshall and Huntington communities. Their commitment is impressive and their accomplishments inspiring. Marconi would approve of the electronic signals that WMUL-FM sends through the air.

**TRIBUTE TO LARISA JAFFE, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER**

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2001*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Larisa Jaffe, a Peace Corps volunteer, who lost her life in Zimbabwe in October of this year. Dr. Jaffe was a naturalized American citizen. She came to the United States from the former Soviet Union where she had earned a doctorate in geology. A woman of great intellectual energy, she taught at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California and at West High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. She became certified as an emergency medical technician and volunteered her services to Planned Parenthood and to hospices for the terminally ill.

At the age of sixty-two, she arrived in Zimbabwe as a Peace Corps volunteer. She served in the city of Mutare as the Information Officer for CADEC, the Catholic Development Commission. She developed HIV/AIDS awareness and education materials and assisted the staff with computers and information technology. She devoted much of her time to the more than 2000 children orphaned by AIDS in the Mutare region. Tragically, her work ended with her death, a suspected homicide. Police took into custody as suspects two citizens of Zimbabwe.

Dr. Jaffe's daughter, Julia Ravinsky, lives in Massachusetts where a memorial service was conducted on October 26. Ms. Ravinsky spoke of her mother's great love of adventure and her even greater love of humankind. She showed slides of her mother riding camels and elephants and mingling joyously with the peoples of three continents. I salute Julia's bravery as well as her mother's.

Two Peace Corps officials eulogized Larisa Jaffe. Acting Deputy Director Lloyd O. Pierson presented an American and a Peace Corps flag and a letter of condolence from President and Mrs. Bush. He spoke of the significance of the Peace Corps in these difficult times. I quote Mr. Pierson: "Larisa's contributions to the Peace Corps and to our country will never be forgotten. The tragic events of September 11 have shown more than ever the need for more individuals, like Larisa, committed and courageous, who are willing to answer the call to service and respond to the challenge of the Peace Corps mission." I thank Mr. Pierson for traveling to Massachusetts to acknowledge Dr. Jaffe's contribution and to comfort her family and friends.